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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing information on a card, said method comprising the steps of:

dividing a surface of the card into a plurality of predetermined areas;

printing a first data portion onto a first predetermined area;

utilising said printed first data portion when reading information stored on said card;

and when the information stored on the card is to be updated, identifying a second predetermined area to print further information on said card, said second predetermined area not having been previously utilised to print data; wherein,

each of said predetermined areas includes a number of border target markers indicating their respective locations.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said predetermined areas are selected in a predetermined order.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said printing utilises a high resolution ink dot printer.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is printed in an encoded form having a degree of fault tolerance.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is printed in a Reed-Solomon encoded form.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said data portion is replicated in a chosen predetermined area.

11. (Cancelled).

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12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~11~~5, wherein said border markers are utilised when reading information stored on the card to locate said predetermined areas.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~11~~5, wherein said border targets markers comprise a relatively large area of a first colour and a relatively small area of a second colour located centrally of said relatively large area.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~1~~5, wherein said card is of a generally rectangular credit card sized shape.

15. - 16. (Cancelled).

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